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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : C

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C 332 (IN 10398)

0840Z 24 MAY 54

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE  
PRECEDENCE

TO: DIR  
(FOR WHITING/HOLLAND)

INFO: OPIM SLINC

CITE: C

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REF: C 332 (IN 10398)

FROM SKILLET

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AT 2100 HOURS LOCAL TIME RECEIVED TWO OFFICIAL MEMOS FROM  
SAFFRON-1 AS FOLLOWS:

1. FIRST MEMO STATED IN ESSENCE:

A. WSHOOFS GRAVELY CONCERNED THREATS INTERNAL AND  
EXTERNAL COMMUNISM. GOVT SUPPORTS CONCLUSIONS RE EXTERNAL THREAT  
BY OVER 100 TELEGRAMS OF SUPPORT ADDRESSED TO STRIKERS BY FOREIGN  
COMMIE AND COMMIE FRONT ORGANIZATIONS; AS WELL AS TELEGRAMS TO  
PRESIDENT FROM VARIOUS WSHOOFS BORDER COMMANDANTES REPORTING  
CONCENTRATIONS WSBURNT TROOPS <sup>NEAR</sup> ~~ALONG~~ WSHOOFS BORDER. GOVT SUPPORTS  
CONCLUSIONS RE INTERNAL THREAT BY NORTH COAST STRIKERS OPEN DEFIANCE  
GOVT; OBVIOUS SABOTAGE BY COMMIE LEADERS OF SFCO SETTLEMENT <sup>AGREEMENT</sup> ~~MADE~~  
WITH NON COMMIE STRIKE LEADERS. PLUS OPPOSITION TO ANY SETTLEMENT  
WITH UFCO; STRONG INDICATIONS HIDDEN ARMS AVAILABLE TO STRIKERS.

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B. THAT UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS WSHOOF'S GOVT UNABLE GUARANTEE LIVES AND PROPERTIES WSHOOF'S NATIONALS AND FOREIGNERS AGAINST "IMMINENT THREATS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM" AND ASKS, UNDER RIO TREATY ODOYOKO COOPERATION IN OPPOSING THIS DANGER.

C. THEN REQUESTS SPECIFICALLY THAT TWO PBPRIME WARSHIPS STAND OFF (ORALLY STATED "OUT OF SIGHT FROM SHORE") PUERTO CORTES, TELA AND LA CEIBA, <sup>IN ODOYOKO</sup> TO BE READY FOR WHATEVER PRESSING NEED MIGHT PRESENT ITSELF TO AUTHORITIES IN THOSE SPOTS.

2. SECOND MEMO STATED: WSHOOF'S GOVT HAS RECEIVED REPORTS, AS YET UNCONFIRMED, THAT TWO SHIPS NOW ENROUTE WSBURNT CARRYING IRON CURTAIN ARMS. WSHOOF'S GOVT <sup>ASKS ODOYOKO</sup> LOCATE AND DETAIN, SINCE ARMS THREATEN WSHOOF'S PEACE.

3. SKILLET RECOMMENDS ACTION AS REQUESTED ABOVE, HOWEVER WITH WARSHIP MOVEMENTS IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE NOT OBVIOUSLY DIRECTED AT WSHOOF'S LANDINGS THOUGH SUCH MAY BECOME NECESSARY LATER.

4. WSHOOF'S PRESIDENT EXPECTS PROMPT ANSWER AND SECRECY BOTH SIDES IN MEANTIME. SKILLET REQUESTS INSTRUCTION DIRECT LOCAL COORDINATION BETWEEN SELF AND ANY TASK FORCE COMMANDER.

END OF MESSAGE

CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT:

1. MR C J (WH) ISSUED TEMPO COPY AT 0350 24 MAY 54.
2. PARAPHRASE OF THIS MESSAGE WAS PASSED TO MR RAYMOND G. LEDDY (DEPT OF STATE) FOR MR HOLLAND AT 0445 24 MAY 54 AS DIRECTED BY MR C J (WH).
3. C J WAS INSTRUCTED TO COME UP 0930 24 MAY AT THE DIRECTION OF MR C J (WH)

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